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Spy Who Fled British Jail Sends a Letter From Egypt

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Scotland Yard confirmed today
a newspaper report that it had
a letter from the escaped spy,
George Blake, mailed in Egypt.
The letter was dated March
30, carried an Egyptian postt mark, and was received earlier
this week by Blake's 71-yearfold mother, who lives in Hertfortshire, morthwest of London
Blake is believed out of Egypt
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nist country.
The letter is believed to have The letter is believed to nave contained a message of good wishes to Blake's family and assurance of his good health. Scotland Yard said inquiries about the letter were being made

made.

Blake vanished from London's Wormwood Scrubs prison last October after having served five years of a 42-year sentence. He had worked as a double agent for the Soviet Union and British intelligence.